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Sir:

In response to the EXAMINER'S ANSWER, applicant takes issue with the examiner's characterization of the Buck et al. reference as the examiner has drawn conclusions from the teachings in the present application in order to render the Buck et al. reference more relevant than it really is. First of all, as noted in Applicant's Appeal Brief, Buck et al. discloses in column 3, line 63 through column 4, line 21, that the yarn storage drum disclosed therein might have in its conical and cylindrical surfaces grooves or slots extending in the axial direction so the yarn being wound thereon rests only on the rib-like portions of the surface located between the grooves or slots. It is further stated that by being able to form the spool with these grooves or slots, which define corrugations extending axially of the spool, the circumferential surfaces of the spool do not have to be accurately predetermined so the spool becomes very simple to manufacture. There is no mention made of the corrugations, grooves, or slots having any bearing on the tensioning of the yarns being wrapped on the spool or their ability to slide axially along the length of the spool other than the fact that the yarns would rest only on the rib-like portions of the surface of the spool located between grooves or slots. In column 7, lines 1-10 of the Buck et al. patent, it further states, "The storage drum 5 may be embodied in one piece, and in the vicinity of the first circumferential surface 15 and/or the circumferential surface 27 as well as of the yarn support surface 25 and/or the second conical circumferential surface 23, it may be embodied with axially-extending grooves or slots, as is suggested by the dashed lines at 15a